



Janet D. Widmann Appointed to Avista Corp. Board of Directors

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SPOKANE, WA -- (Marketwired) -- 07/14/14 -- Avista Corp. (NYSE: AVA) announced that Janet D. Widmann, age 47, has been appointed to the Avista Corp. Board of Directors effective Aug. 2, 2014. She will stand for election to the board at the 2015 annual meeting of shareholders.

Ms. Widmann is executive vice president, markets, for Blue Shield of California, a position she has held since 2013. She joined the organization in 2003 to lead the newly formed California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) division. In 2009, she was promoted to senior vice president, large employer groups, public agencies, labor and trust groups. Ms. Widmann is a health industry veteran, having previously worked for for-profit and non-profit businesses in that sector, primarily in marketing, operations and general management positions.

Ms. Widmann earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Administration from California State University-Northridge and a Master of Arts degree in Health Administration from the University of Southern California.

"We are pleased that Janet is joining our board of directors," said Scott L. Morris, Avista Corp. chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer. "Her background in innovation, work in a regulated industry, and strong sense of strategic operations and values makes her a good fit for Avista."

About Avista Corp.

Avista Corp., incorporated in 1889 and based in Spokane, Wash., is an energy company involved in the production, transmission and distribution of energy as well as other energy-related businesses. [Avista Utilities](#) is our operating division that provides electric service to 367,000 customers and natural gas to 326,000 customers. Its service territory covers 30,000 square miles in eastern Washington, northern Idaho and parts of southern and eastern Oregon, with a population of 1.5 million. Alaska Energy and Resources Company is an Avista subsidiary that provides retail electric service in the city and borough of Juneau, Alaska, through its subsidiary Alaska Electric Light and Power Company. Avista stock is traded under the ticker symbol "AVA." For more information about Avista, please visit www.avistacorp.com.

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